

## Aerial Gondola – Fact Sheet

The NYS Fairgrounds and the Lakeview Amphitheater on the shoreline of Onondaga Lake are complimentary facilities that serve as economic engines for the entire region. In 2016, during the Amphitheater's first full concert season, the venue welcomed more than 200,000 concertgoers and hosted four marquee concerts during the 12-day run of the State Fair. As the Fair continues to improve and expand its non-Fair and Fair programming, it is important that the State and Onondaga County collaborate to further connect these two facilities through safe, efficient and attractive means.



The 2017-18 Executive Budget includes \$15 million dollars to design and construct an aerial gondola that will provide a convenient, round trip ride, with spectacular views of Onondaga Lake, from the Fairgrounds to the front gate of the Lakeview Amphitheater. The gondola will better connect fairgoers to the amphitheater as well as open up additional parking in the Fair's Grey parking lot for concert events. In addition, the gondola will serve as a link between the Fairgrounds and Onondaga County's "Loop the Lake" trail system and serve as a multi-season tourist attraction for Central New York.

### Gondola Details

- ❖ Seven-tenths of a mile span (approx. 3,700 feet);
- ❖ From Fairgrounds Gate 10 to Lakeview Amphitheater Orange Lot entrance;
- ❖ 38 cabins with option to expand to 75;
- ❖ Ability to move 1,200 people per hour, up to 2,400 people per hour;
- ❖ Investment: \$15 million (est.);
- ❖ Construction completion: June 2018 (est. pending federal approval)



### Architect/Design Firm

Subject to competitive RFP (issued by NYS Office of General Services and NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.)